

some better estimate of the costs of the competency examinations than the estimate of costs provided the Budget and Taxation Committee by DOE during the 1983 Session. Dr. Hornbeck indicated that the standardized tests would cost about \$1.50 per pupil; the writing test about \$3.00 per pupil. The Committee authorized DOE to adopt the regulations for Project Basic, subject to the proviso that DOE would closely monitor costs. DOE adopted the Project Basic regulations on May 25, 1983.

3. Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Certification of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse Facilities

Prior to May 6, 1983, draft regulations concerning the certification of alcoholism and alcohol abuse facilities were apparently being used by DHMH staff in evaluating and inspecting facilities. The draft regulations had not yet been published as proposed regulations.

The Committee advised the Alcoholism Control Administration on April 28, 1983 that such a use of draft regulations is clearly inappropriate. On May 6, 1983, the Committee received correspondence from the Alcoholism Control Administration promising that the use of the draft regulations to evaluate facilities will cease until the regulations are formally adopted.

4. Anne Arundel County School System - School Bus Specifications

In April, the AELR Committee was made aware that the Anne Arundel County School System and several other school systems had adopted "specifications" for school bus standards. In light of the Committee's finding that the Motor Vehicle Administration, and not the Department of Education, has the authority to promulgate school bus construction regulations, the Committee referred the County specifications to the Attorney General with an inquiry concerning the authority of the County systems to adopt such "specifications". Receipt of the advice of the Attorney General is expected by the end of June.

5. Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: COMAR 10.18.01.01 & 10.18.06.12

Proposed amendments to the regulations setting out the General Emissions New Source Performance Standards were published on April 1, 1983. The Committee held up adoption of the regulations by the State Air Management Administration until the AMA was able to convince the Committee that the amendments are necessary for conformity with Federal Environmental Protection Agency Standards. On May 27, the Committee approved formal adoption of the N.S.P.S Regulations.